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Jorgensen Appalled by Walker's Plan to Cut UW-Whitewater Support by a Whopping 19%

MADISON – State Representative Andy Jorgensen (D-Milton) released this statement, following the Legislative Fiscal Bureau release of analysis showing UW-Whitewater will lose nearly 19% of its state funding in Governor Scott Walker's budget proposal.

"Education is the foundation to a strong economy, and Governor Walker is leading us down a very dangerous path, proposing cuts of \$300 million to the UW System. Today, I was appalled to learn that our beloved UW-Whitewater is being dealt the greatest blow, with Walker's plan cutting about \$8 million of the school's funding.

"Make no mistake, a 19% funding cut coupled with a tuition freeze will severely impact Whitewater's ability to deliver the highest quality education for our future teachers, financial advisors, business leaders, and health care providers – and this will impact us all.

"I urge Governor Walker and any legislative leader to come with me to UW-Whitewater, to see the innovation and diversity and talent this campus holds and to reconsider a misguided plan that will weaken Wisconsin's economy now and for generations."

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